

What is claimed is:

1. A wiring device comprising:
 - a ground strap;
 - a ground lug to which a ground connection is to be made having a back edge, a
5 first side edge, a second side edge, and a front edge coupled to the ground strap along
the back edge ;
 - a threaded opening in the ground lug;
 - a clamp plate having a clearance opening, a front edge, a first side edge, a
second side edge and a back edge;
 - 10 a blocking tab extending downwardly at a right angle from the front edge of the
clamp plate;
 - a screw having a threaded body and a head wherein the threaded body extends
through the clearance opening in the clamp plate and engages the threaded opening in
the ground lug to position the clamp plate between the ground plate and the head of the
15 screw;
 - wherein the blocking tab extends in front of the front edge of the ground lug to
prevent rotation of the clamp plate relative to the ground lug.
2. The wiring device of claim 1 wherein:
 - 20 the first side edge, the second side edge and the front edge of the ground lug are
substantially straight.
3. The wiring device of claim 2 wherein:
 - the corner of the ground lug where the first side edge and the front edge meet is
25 bent toward the clamp plate to form a corner rise.
4. The wiring device of claim 3 wherein:

the corner of the ground lug where the second side edge and the front edge meet is bent toward the clamp plate to form a corner rise.

5. The wiring device of claim 3 wherein:

5 the blocking tab on the clamp plate extends along the front edge of the ground lug from a side edge to a point approximate the center of the front edge to block a ground wire from being inserted between the ground lug and the clamp plate.

6. The wiring device of claim 5 wherein:

10 the first side edge of the clamp plate is coupled to a first retaining tab that extends downwardly below the first side edge of the ground lug.

7. The wiring device of claim 6 wherein:

15 the second side edge of the clamp plate is coupled to a second retaining tab that extends downwardly below the second side edge of the ground lug.

8. The wiring device of claim 7 wherein:

the ground strap is for an electrical switch.

20 9. The wiring device of claim 7 wherein:

the ground strap is for a receptacle.

10. The wiring device of claim 1:

25 wherein the ground strap, the ground lug and the clamp plate are of a conducting material.